

TALK OF THE TURF.

Clever Trick of Minneapolis Bookmakers That Defeated a Pool-Room Bill.

OKLAHOMA GAMBLERS WIN.

Owner of Belwood Protests Against Leveller's Recent Victory.

The racing associations of Minnesota tried unsuccessfully to pass a bill closing the numerous pool-rooms in St. Paul and Minneapolis. At the same time they came very near killing racing throughout the State. They caused a bill to be introduced somewhat similar in its provisions to the one which

in this State. The saving clause follows: "Provided that this act shall not apply to the actual inclosure of any fair or race track association incorporated under the laws of this State." The bill provides for the meetings of said associations. The bill provides for certain of passage and the pool-room men were at their wits' end to devise means to defeat it. Finally their friends in the House decided upon a bold sentence. A sentence was recommended to the clause excepting racetracks and fairs be stricken out. This was done and the House unanimously agreed to recommend the passage of the bill. This

The Indiana Legislature, by a vote of

prohibits racing during the four Winter months, and limits each association to a

The Oklahoma Senate passed a bill Tuesday night to prohibit gambling in the Territory. The bill was bitterly contested by the gamblers, who have refused to amend the bill. Yesterday when the Enrolling Clerk was ready to spread the bill upon the records, he found that the bill had been stolen.

The owner of Belwood yesterday entered a protest against Jockey Kuhn, the owner of Leveller, receiving the purse won by the latter a few days ago.

The owner of Belwood declares that Kuhn, having been ruled off in the West, has no standing, and is not entitled to the purse. Kuhn applied for the amount of the purse yesterday, but payment was refused until the charge lodged by the owner of Belwood could be investigated.

It was reported about yesterday that C. W. Parker, owner of Lavina and other horses, intended to take his string away from Guttentag. It is claimed that he does not receive fair treatment at the hands of the starter. This may or may not be true. It is a fact, however, that in the first race yesterday, Mr.

Caldwell refused to allow the nurses to go on one good break, but sent them away in straggling order. It is also true that in the first break Lavina was in front, but in the start she was last. Mr. Caldwell is reported as saying to Cunningham, the owner of Lavina: "if you don't get away last, it won't be my fault." It is hard to believe that Mr. Caldwell would misuse his power in

such a way. It is all-important that the racers should be given as even a break as possible. The writer doubts that the starter favors any one at the post. It is a common complaint among owners that their horses are given a "good start-off," but ninety-nine cases out of a hundred there are no grounds for suspicion. The records show that Mr. Parker's horses have got as good starts as any one's horses. Lavina would not

have won yesterday even if she had got away in front. She was heavily backed yesterday on the suspicion that her race the other day was not true form. That

It was true as evidenced by the fact that Lady Ballard beat her both times, and had the race been had a further yesterday, the finish would have stopped to a walk at the finish.

It is reported that Starter Pettens will handle the flag at the Ivy City track. He will also be the manager, so the gossip says. Just what he will manage and what he will start is hard to

say. The opening day is only twelve days off, and yet no programme has been issued to notify owners. It will be hard work to hold a race meeting without horses. It is evident, as Congressman Campbell says, that the syndicate is composed of men unknown to the turf.

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